



Clara Jessie Sparks

December 19, 1905 - October 12, 2006

Sparks

Clara Jessie Potts Sparks passed from this life on October 12, 2006. She was born in Johnson County, Wyoming on December 19, 1905, to Jesse and Orpha Potts. She and Earnest Gould Sparks were married December 27, 1925. They, with their two children, moved to Texas in 1935, and moved into Refugio from Greta Oil Camp in 1939. She was preceded in death in 1996 by her husband of 70 years and her two brothers and six sisters. She is survived by one son, Leland H Sparks Barbara of Fort Worth, and one daughter, Eleanor S. Perry V. Frank of San Antonio; six grandchildren, Chris Sparks, Steve Sparks Dana, Jerry Sparks Cindy, Leslie Perry, Lori Perry, and Lynne Perry; nine great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews and a host of many friends. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Refugio, Texas from 1940 until moving to extended care in San Antonio in 2001. She was one of four founding members of the International Porcelain Arts Club and four China Painting Clubs in south Texas. She was an accomplished artist and taught china painting for over 45 years. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She resided in Kinicare Assisted Living in San Antonio. Funeral services will be conducted at 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 15, 2006 at the First United Methodist Church, 310 Power Street, Refugio, Texas. Interment will follow at Refugio Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests

that memorial donations be made to the First United Methodist Church, Refugio, Texas, to the American Cancer Society or to a preferred charity. You may sign the on-line guestbook at www.missionparks.com under the obituary section.

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Tribute Wall

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“ I lived in Refugio, Texas until I was 17 and left there in 1964. Mrs. Sparks kept me and a sibling while my mother was undergoing tests for cancer in corpus christi when I was about 8. I loved her painting and remember how wonderful she was to us. My c

Elaine Barnett Sherrill - October 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I am the daughter of Nathan Sparks. I have very fond memories of Clara and Gould. They were a big part of my life when I lived in Woodsboro. If I can ever be of any help, please let me know.

Marilyn Magnusson 817 360-3055

Marilyn Magnusson - October 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ Clara was a porcelain art friend for many years. She will be sorely missed.

Stella H. Shilling - October 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Psalm 116:15. With Sincere Love and Prayers.

Larry & Rosie Westervelt - October 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ God bless you, Clara; I'm sure she is painting away up in Heaven and Goulie is watching her! I was one of her last pupils she turned 84 during my lesson years. Clara was much loved in the china painting community of the Coastal Bend.

Anna Herring - October 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ *As a member of the Board of Directors of the International Porcelain Art Teachers and Artists Organization I want to extend my sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one, Clara Sparks. Her contribution to the art of painting on porcelain was enor*

Letha Sandifer - October 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Extending our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one.*

Directors & Staff at Mission Parks Funeral Chapels North - October 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM